

## ***Captain John W. Scanlan, U.S. Navy*** **Commanding Officer**

CAPT John W. Scanlan II was born in Clifton Forge, Virginia and raised in Lawrence, Kansas where he earned a BGS in Biology from the University of Kansas in 1976. He received his commission from Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School, Pensacola Florida in November 1981. CAPT Scanlan completed primary flight training at NAS Pensacola and was designated a Naval Flight Officer in September 1982. He reported to NAS Whidbey Island WA for training as a Bombardier/Navigator (B/N) in the A-6E Intruder, and upon completion was selected as the 1982 West Coast B/N of the year. He then transferred to NAS Oceana, VA as a plank owner, standing up the VA-55 "Warhorses." CAPT Scanlan deployed in 1986 aboard the USS Coral Sea (CV-43) and participated in "Operation El Dorado Canyon" in Libya.



Returning from deployment, CAPT Scanlan was selected for the United States Navy Test Pilot School (USNTPS) and was the first USNTPS flight test engineer to fly in and complete a graduation thesis on a foreign aircraft, flying the Tornado GR-1 with the Italian Air Force in Practica DiMare, Italy. Following graduation, CAPT Scanlan was assigned to the Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, CA as the A-12 Operational Test Director (OTD). Additionally, he served as the OTD for the SLAM missile and several classified Navy weapon programs and conducted Low Observable engineering analysis and tactics development. During this tour CAPT Scanlan continued his advanced education, and in 1988 earned his Master's Degree in Aviation Systems from the University of Tennessee.

CAPT Scanlan was assigned to the VA-165 Boomers where he made two deployments aboard the USS Nimitz (CVN-69). He served as both the "Boomer" Operations and Maintenance Officers and participated in combat patrols in Operation Desert Shield. CAPT Scanlan transferred to the AX program in Washington DC in July 1993, and subsequently served as the first Navy Requirements Officer for the Joint Advanced Strike Technology (JAST) program office. He was designated an Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer (AEDO) in 1995, and led development of the Joint Initial Requirements Document defining the characteristics and capabilities for the Navy's next generation Joint Strike Fighter (JSF). He left the JSF program and served in the Pentagon as the Executive Assistant for the acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Navy for the Research Development and Acquisition. Following completion of the Defense Systems Management College's Advanced Program Management Course, CAPT Scanlan reported to Atsugi, Japan as the Executive Officer of the Naval Air Pacific Repair Activity (NAPRA) and in June 1998, assumed the NAPRA command where he served until December 1999. Following his highly successful tour supporting the world-wide deployed forces of the Navy and Marines, CAPT Scanlan returned to the staff of the Naval Air Systems Command in Patuxent River, MD where he supported the Navy's three Aviation Industrial Depots. CAPT Scanlan was subsequently selected as the AEDO/AMDO Officer Community Manager and Captain detailee. During this tour, he was slated for Command of Naval Aviation Depot Jacksonville, Florida where he began his tour as Executive Officer in July 2003. In August 2005, CAPT Scanlan assumed the responsibility of Commanding Officer.

CAPT Scanlan has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal (with First Strike Fighter Award), two Navy Commendation Awards, three Navy achievement Medals and various other unit citations. He has logged over 3500 flight hours in over 24 types of aircraft and has more than 350 arrested carrier landings.